

*We need landlines* for emergency preparedness, since mobile phones and VOIPs do not work during power outages (unless you've got industrial strength battery backup).

*We need landlines* because the second anyone goes wireless, they risk interception. Hacking already endangers individuals, schools, banks, the health insurance industry, other businesses and governments. The cost of maintaining software to guard against hacking rises exponentially at a time when budgets are being slashed.

*We need landlines* because the National Inst. of Health's National Toxicology Program study, released on May 25, 2016, definitively shows that 2G cell phone radiation causes malignant brain and heart tumors and damages DNA. Pregnant women, children, people with medical implants and the infirm deserve the choice of using a corded landline telephone. The FCC and state legislators have fiduciary responsibilities to protect this choice.